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report on Kummersdorf Airfield which gives information on the following: concrete laying, surface construction, supplies deliveries to the site, and a new Soviet Air Force unit (approx. 60 men stationed at Schumke Lager). Included as an appendix is an overlay showing progress as of 2 September 1959 in concrete laying and surface construction.

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EAST GERMANY/U.S.S.R.AIRKUMMERSDORF Airfield Construction Site

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Map References: Map references are taken from GERMANY 1:25000

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Appendix: Attached at Appendix "A" is an overlay to [redacted] showing progress made as at [redacted] with various concrete laying and surface construction work.

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CONCRETE LAYING

1. From M.R. 816771 a newly laid concrete track runs in an ENE direction, exactly in line with the TEUFELSEE (M.R. 857782). This track is just over 15 m. wide, being composed of 5 x 3 m. wide strips, with a 1 cm. gap between each strip, and is about 2500 m. long; the eastern end had reached M.R. 839777 on the 23rd August, when work on extending it in this direction was still in progress. Along the southern edge of this track the ground has been excavated and levelled, resulting in a drop of approximately 1 metre; the appearance here is consistent with the possibility of the track being widened in this direction. At the western end of the track, at M.R. 816771, is a notice inscribed "2600 m.", and further similar notices inscribed "2400 m.", "2200 m.", etc. are placed every 200 m. along the track, going in an easterly direction.

2. About 400 m. to the north of this 15 m. wide track, is a parallel concrete track, 12 m. in width, extending from M.R. 815775 to M.R. 837780. The thickness of the concrete at the sides of this track, from which the containing boarding had just been removed, was 50 cms. On the 2nd September work was in progress on concrete laying at the eastern end of this track.

3. The two parallel 2,500 m. long tracks are joined together by a 6 m. wide concrete track running in a N-S direction from M.R. 826774 to M.R. 826778.

4. A further 6 m. wide track runs at approximate right angles to the northern parallel track, about 150 m. to the East of its eastern end. On the 23rd August, this 6 m. track was about 500 m. long and ran from M.R. 837782 to M.R. 839778.

5. Current concrete laying activity was centred in the N.E. corner of M.R. 8377 and the N.W. corner of M.R. 8477.

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SURFACE CONSTRUCTION

6. Adjacent to the north side of the northern parallel track (referred to in para. 2 above), and opposite the junction between this track and the N-S 6 m. wide track (referred to in para. 3 above), a hangar measuring approximately 40 m. x 30 m. in area and 15 m. in height, has almost been completed. A 380 volt electricity supply is to be laid on to this hangar, which is to be used for engine testing.

7. Close to the hangar referred to in the preceding paragraph are 7 small brick-built transformer buildings.

8. In approximately February 1959 a number of 12 m. wide swathes were cut through the conifer plantations at 40 m. intervals over a 300 m. x 300 m. area centred on M.R. 848784. On at least five, and possibly seven, of the "squares" formed by these swathes single storey shed-like brick buildings have been constructed. They measure about 25 m. x 15 m. each in area, and each building has 5 chimneys or vents in the roof.

9. On the N.W. bank of the SCHUMKE SEE, at M.R. 865792, a large shed or hangar has been built of brick, with a wooden roof; it measures 20 m. x 15 m. in area.

SUPPLIES to the SITE

10. Since the 24th August the volume of supplies for the site arriving at SPERENBERG LAGER station has increased considerably.

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NEW S.A.F. UNIT

11. Between the 20th and 22nd August a new S.A.F. unit arrived at SCHUMKE LAGER [] with about 20 men per vehicle. At a parade on the 23rd August about 60 men were present, all looking to be no more than 18-20 years old.

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APP "A"

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